Quiz 3-21-16  
Chapter 8 test questions – The Executive  
  
1. Which of the following statements best describes a Texas governor’s term in office?   
a. Two years per term, with no limit on the number of terms   
b. Four years per term, with no limit on the number of terms.   
c. Four years per term, with a two-term limit   
d. Four years per term, with a one-term limit   
  
2 The most distinctive characteristic of the Texas administration is   
a. no one is officially in charge of the administrative apparatus..   
b. that in Texas laws are fragmented into several elective and appointive positions.   
c. an agency director heads each executive department.   
d. that there is no single official in Texas government that bears ultimate responsibility.   
  
3. Which term best describes the executive branch?   
a. Fragile   
b. Fragmented.   
c. Centralized   
d. Diversified   
  
4. Which statement about the legislature’s power to override bills vetoed by the governor is incorrect?   
a. It is difficult to override a veto.   
b. The legislature has overridden a veto only once since World War II.   
c. The veto gives the Texas governor a strong bargaining position with legislators.   
d. The vast majority of bills are passed and sent to the governor during the early days of the session so that he or she has plenty of time to veto them..   
  
5. The Texas governor’s combined administrative and legislative power ranking is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among the 50 states.   
a. 35th.   
b. 47th   
c. 1st   
d. 24th   
  
  
  
6. Which of the following executive officers is not legally independent of the governor?   
a. Lieutenant governor   
b. Comptroller of public accounts   
c. Commissioner of education.   
d. Commissioner of the General Land Office   
  
7. All of the following are appointed by the governor except   
a. members of the Public Safety Commission.   
b. adjutant general of the Texas National Guard and Texas State Guard.   
c. members of the Board of Pardons and Parole.   
d. members of the State Board of Education..   
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices of special interest groups help them gain influence over public policy.   
a. public service   
b. civil service   
c. revolving door.   
d. contract spoils   
  
9. The Iron Texas Star is composed of a coalition of interests that include all of the following except   
a. the lieutenant governor.   
b. the speaker.   
c. the governor.   
d. the comptroller..   
  
10. Which is a violation of open meeting laws in Texas?   
a. Unannounced meetings.   
b. Public notice of closed sessions   
c. Meetings opened to the general public when discussing land acquisition   
d. Meetings opened to the general public when discussing litigation matters 